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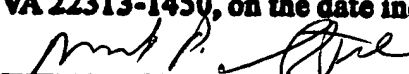
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Official Action dated January 9, 2004 for the above identified patent application.

In the latest Official Action, the final rejection made in the prior Official Action dated September 10, 2003 has been withdrawn, and a new ground of rejection has been raised against pending Claims 17 and 20.

For the reasons discussed below, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable over the prior art

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